

HOUSE RESOLUTION 87

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Southwest Tennessee Community College Cheerleading Squad upon winning first place at the Cheerleaders of America Lone Star Nationals.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school organizations that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest cheerleading program is renowned for its nature as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility in the world of competitive cheerleading; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest cheerleaders achieved an extraordinary level of success in the 2006-2007 season, a year capped by their first-place finish in the Cheerleaders of America Lone Star Nationals; and

WHEREAS, in the past two years, the Southwest cheerleaders have won three first place awards at this prestigious competition; following last year's Championship, the squad was featured in *Jet Magazine* as well as *The Commercial Appeal*; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the outstanding prowess exhibited in competition, the cheerleaders practice three nights every week and increase the frequency to five nights a week about a month before the Championship; beyond this tireless dedication, they also cheer at all home basketball games, appear at several school functions throughout the year, participate in local parades, and travel to Nashville every year for a leadership retreat, where they are taught by the Tennessee Titans cheerleaders; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders' work has paid off, as the team not only won the All-Female Cheer Non-Tumble Division of the Nationals, but also filled the top four spots in the Individual Cheer Division, with Latrina Ward placing first, Tanesha Jackson placing second, Britany Bolton placing third, and Nicole Bibbs placing fourth; and

WHEREAS, through the remarkable talents of group members Latrina Ward, Tanesha Jackson, Nicole Bibbs, Breeze Wright, and Shundra King, Southwest also placed second in the Collegiate Stunt Group Division; and

WHEREAS, Southwest placed three cheerleaders, Valli Bursi, Breeze Wright, and Jasmine Austin, in the Dance Soloist Division; and

WHEREAS, these extremely gifted young athletes were joined by team members Lyisha Allen and Celita Brown to complete a truly stellar Championship team; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest squad's championship season would not have been possible without the astute knowledge and leadership of coach Sabrina Tiller, who has led the team to numerous first-place competition wins during her four years with Southwest; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Cheerleading Squad epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athletes, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a laudable season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Southwest Cheerleading Squad for their outstanding performance and for serving as exemplars of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Sabrina Tiller and the Southwest Tennessee Community College Cheerleading Squad on their extraordinary 2006-2007 season and their first-place win at the Cheerleaders of America Lone Star Nationals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.